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1. GOVERNMENT NEWS AGENCY MAP MARCH 29 CARRIED STORY DATED
PARIS ON "OPEN LETTER" TO PRESIDENT CARTER AND THE U.S. SENATE
FROM AOSARIO. AOSARIO IS PRO-GOM FRONT ORGANIZATION PURPORTING
TO REPRESENT SAHARANS RESIDENT IN EUROPE. BEHIND THE SCENES
ORGANIZER IS PROPAGANDIST EDOUARD MOHA, WHOSE SPOTTED PAST ON
BOTH SIDES OF THE SAHARA QUESTION HAS SEEN HIM, INTER ALIA, IN
ALGIERS AND LATER IN MOROCCO AT HEAD OF PRO-GOM ORGANIZATION OF
SAHARANS CALLED MOREHOB (AKA THE BLUE MEN). TITULAR HEAD OF
AOSARIO IS ONE AHMED OULD RACHID, WHO SIGNED THE LETTER. THIS
"GROUP" APPEARS TO CONSIST PRINCIPALLY OF THE LETTERHEAD MOHA
CARRIES IN HIS BRIEFCASE.

2. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF MAP STORY, WHICH
REPORTED ONLY EXCERPTS OF LETTER, FOLLOWS:

PARIS, MARCH 29 (MAP) IN AN OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER AND
TO AMERICAN SENATORS (SIGNED AHMED OULD RACHID) THE ASSOCIATION
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OF PERSONS ORIGINATING IN THE SAHARA FORMERLY UNDER SPANISH
DOMINATION (AOSARIO) DENOUNCE THE CRIMINAL ACTS WHICH THE
ALGERIAN REGIME CONTINUES TO COMMIT AGAINST THE TINDOUF DETAINEES
IN DEFIANCE OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS CHARTER.

QUOTE: AT THIS HOUR UNQUOTE THE LETTER SAYS, QUOTE HUNDREDS
OF OUR BROTHERS CONTINUE TO SUFFER FROM THE WORST PRIVATIONS,

INHUMAN TREATMENT, AND BARBARIAN DOMINATION BY SECURITY FORCES AND THE REGULAR ALGERIAN ARMY, WHOSE MISSION CONSISTS OF PERMANENTLY ENSURING THE ENCIRCLEMENT AND ORGANIZATION OF THE CONCENTRATION CAMPS INSTALLED BY THE ALGERIAN RULERS AT TINDOUF AND IN ITS ENVIRONS. WHILE THE WOMEN, AGED, AND CHILDREN AMONG THOSE DETAINEES SUCCUMB TO SICKNESS AND THE DIFFICULT TRIALS OF PROLONGED DETENTION, OUR ASSOCIATION -- WHICH GROUPS MOVEMENTS OF LIBERATION AND POLITICAL PARTIES PETITIONING THE UN -- FEELS COMPELLED TO ALERT AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION AND TO CALL ITS ATTENTION TO THE CRIMINAL ACTS WHICH ALGERIAN LEADERS CONTINUE TO PERPETRATE IN DEFINANCE OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS CHARTER.

QUOTE MR. PRESIDENT, IT HAS BEEN MORE THAN TWO YEARS THAT WOMEN, CHILDREN AND MEN HAVE SUFFERED AND DIED. THESE WOMEN AND THESE MEN ARE OUR COMPATRIOTS, OUR BROTHERS, AND OUR PARENTS DETAINED AGAINST THEIR WILLS BY A DICTATORIAL POWER WHICH IN PURSUIT OF ITS QROTESQUE DREAMS OF "LEADERSHIP" IS MULTIPLYING ITS ACTS OF FRATRICIDAL WAR AGAINST NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. THESE COMPATRIOTS TODAY FIND THEMSELVES IMPRISONED IN CAMPS IN ALGERIA WHERE THEY HAVE BECOME THE VICTIMS OF ALL MANNER OF DISEASES, OF HUNGER, AND OF THE PAINFUL CONDITIONS OF THE DESERT AND DISCOURAGEMENT.

QUOTE ADULTS -- THAT IS THOSE MOST PHYSICALLY ABLE AND AWARE OF THE GOALS FOR WHICH ALGERIA IS IN THE PROCESS OF USING THEM -- WHO ARE CAUGHT IN THE PROCESS OR SUSPECTED WANTING TO CONFIDENTIAL

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ESCAPE FROM THE CAMPS ARE PURELY AND SIMPLY EXECUTED. CERTAIN OF THESE LEADERS, BENEFITTING FROM A RELATIVELY EASY STATUS, HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CONFOUND THE VIGILANCE OF THE ALGERIAN FORCES AND RETURN TO THEIR COUNTRY. THESE LATTER HAVE OFFERED A NUMBER OF TIMES TO APPEAR TO TESTIFY BEFORE INTERNATIONAL BODIES ON THE ATROCITIES AND DRAMAS INFLICTED ON THE HOSTAGES -- CALLED "REFUGEES" BY A GOVERNMENT WHICH OBSTINATELY REFUSES TO AGREE TO A CENSUS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE GENEVA CONVENTION. UNQUOTE

THE LETTER RECALLS THAT THESE TINDOUF DETAINEES HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED BY FORCE BY THE ALGERIAN ARMY WHICH BEFORE 1975 HAD OCCUPIED POSITIONS IN THE INTERIOR OF THE FORMER SAHARA UNDER SPANISH DOMINATION.

QUOTE INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION, UNQUOTE THE LETTER CONTINUES, QUOTE WAS ABLE TO DISCOVER -- THANKS TO THE TESTIMONY GIVEN BY THE FRENCH HOSTAGES CAPTURED AT ZOUEURATE AND THEN INCARCERATED IN PRISONS IN ALGERIAN TERRITORY ONLY TO BE LIBERATED UNDER PRESSURE FROM THE FRENCH SENATE, WHICH HAD THREATENED TO REVOKE THE ECONOMIC ACCORDS TYING ALGERIA TO THE EEC -- THE REAL OBJECTIVES AND GOALS OF HEGEMONY OF A GOVERNMENT

WHICH HAS MADE OUR DETAINED BROTHERS A POLITICAL TRUMP CARD
SERVING ITS PERSONAL DESIGNS. THIS MACHIAVELIANISM IS ALL THE
MORE ODIOUS SINCE IT IS WOMEN, CHILDREN, AND CIVILIAN MEN, TAKEN
FROM THEIR SOIL AND THEIR COUNTRY, AND THEIR FAMILIES, WHO ARE
IN REALITY SERVING AS HOSTAGES.

IN CONCLUSION, AOSARIO INVITES THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT TO
INTERVENE IN FAVOR OF REMOVING THE SECURITY FORCES WHICH ARE
PREVENTING THE TINDOUF DETANEES FROM RETURNING TO THEIR COUNTRY.
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